

REMARKS

Applicants' representatives express their sincere appreciation for the telephonic interview held with the Examiner on February 2, 2006 concerning the claims under consideration. Pursuant to the interview, Applicants submit herewith new claims 18-21.

In particular, Applicants respectfully note that new claim 18 recites the full-length sequence of mouse DEC-205, as described in the parent application, USSN 09/586,704 on page 10, lines 31-32, continuing on to page 11, lines 1-14, in Figure 7B of the parent application and in the Sequence Listing of the present application as SEQ ID NO:10. New claims 19-21 mirror previously presented claims 14-17.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 11, lines 18-23; page 12, lines 1-3; page 18, lines 5-10; page 19, lines 7-11; page 22, lines 14-23 and page 23, lines 1-18. In addition, support can also be found in the parent application, USSN 09/586,704, which has been incorporated by reference in its entirety in the present application. For example, support in the parent application can be found in the specification on page 3, lines 15-19; page 6, lines 4-5; page 37, lines 29-31; page 38, lines 1-4; page 42, line 23 through page 45, line 19. As a result of the foregoing amendments, claims 6-9 and 13-21 are pending. No new matter has been added.

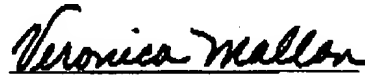
Fees

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any additional claim fees now due for a large entity. No other fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, if other fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any such underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

Conclusion

Applicants request further consideration of the new claims as filed. If a discussion with the undersigned will be of assistance in resolving any issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (201) 487-5800, ext. 118, to effect a resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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